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CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FIFTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Second report of the Credentials Committee

Chairman: Mr. Denis DANGUE RÉWAKA (Gabon)

1. The Credentials Committee held its 2nd meeting on 12 December 1996.

2. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General, dated 10 December 1996, concerning the credentials of representatives of Member States participating in the fifty-first session of the General Assembly, other than the credentials of the representatives accepted by the Credentials Committee at its 1st meeting, on 11 October (see A/51/548).

3. A statement relating to the memorandum by the Secretary-General was made by the representative of the Secretary-General, the Legal Counsel.

4. As noted in paragraph 3 of the memorandum, formal credentials in the form required by rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly had been received from the following 42 Member States: Argentina, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Costa Rica, Dominica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, France, Grenada, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, India, Iraq, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malawi, Mauritius, Nigeria, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Samoa, San Marino, Seychelles, Swaziland, Togo, Turkey, United Republic of Tanzania, Vanuatu, Zaire and United States of America.

5. As indicated in paragraph 4 of the memorandum, information concerning the appointment of their representatives to the fifty-first session of the General Assembly has been communicated to the Secretary-General, by means of a facsimile communication from the head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign

Affairs, or by means of a letter or note verbale from the Permanent Mission concerned, by the following 17 Member States: Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Chad, Congo, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Gambia, Guatemala, Haiti, Italy, Madagascar, Marshall Islands, Palau, Rwanda, Saint Lucia and Sao Tome and Principe.

6. Concerning a decision on the credentials of the representatives of the Member State which the Committee had deferred at its first meeting until a later meeting (see A/51/548, para. 14), the Chairman informed the Committee of contacts he had had with certain members of the Committee. He stated that two views had emerged from those contacts. The first view was that those representatives currently in New York should continue to occupy the seat of the Member State concerned, with their credentials approved, while the second view was that no further decision was necessary or appropriate. The Chairman stated that the Committee should take a decision on this matter by consensus. Since there was no consensus, he proposed that the Credentials Committee defer a decision on the question. That proposal was adopted without objection.

7. The Chairman proposed that the Committee accept the credentials of the representatives of the Member States referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Secretary-General's memorandum, on the understanding that formal credentials for representatives of the Member States referred to in paragraph 4 of the Secretary-General's memorandum would be communicated to the Secretary-General as soon as possible. The following draft resolution was proposed by the Chairman for adoption by the Committee:

> "The Credentials Committee,
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> "Having examined the credentials of the representatives to the fifty-first session of the General Assembly of the Member States referred to in the memorandum of the Secretary-General dated 10 December 1996,
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> "Accepts the credentials of the representatives of the Member States concerned."

8. The draft resolution was adopted by the Committee without a vote.

9. The Chairman proposed that the Committee should recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of a resolution approving the report of the Committee (see para. 11 below). The proposal of the Chairman was adopted without a vote.

10. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the General Assembly.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

11. The Credentials Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Credentials of representatives to the fifty-first session of the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Having considered the second report of the Credentials Committee and the recommendation contained therein,

Approves the second report of the Credentials Committee.